STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 11, 12, 14, 15, 18, 19, 26, 27, 29, 30 and 36-45, as set forth below, are currently pending in this application.

Claims 11, 14, 18, 26 and 29 are currently amended;

Claims 36-45 are previously presented;

Claims 12, 15, 19, 27 and 30 are original.

Please amend the claims as follows:

11. (Currently amended) A method for presenting program material from a plurality of program sources to users using a host computing device and allocating tasks among a plurality of audiovisual serving devices, said method comprising:

responding to a user request to order program material by selecting one of a plurality of Assignable Computing Devices, said selected Assignable Computing Device being used to generate a menu listing available program material;

presenting the user with said menu over a Room Communication Subsystem;

receiving a ~~program~~ selection of program material from the user over the Room Communication Subsystem;

responding to said selection of program material by selecting one of a plurality of audiovisual serving devices to present the program material;

creating a set of user data, said set of user data listing stated user preferences, and

presenting the program material to the user over the Room Communication Subsystem~~; and,~~

~~creating a set of user data, said set of user data listing stated user preferences.~~

wherein said menu listing available program material is generated for display in a web browser and may be customized based on said user preferences.

12.   (Original)   A method in accordance with claim 11 wherein said menu is modified to reflect said set of user data.

14.   (Currently amended)   A method for presenting program material from a plurality of program sources to users using a host computing device and allocating tasks among a plurality of audiovisual serving devices, said method comprising:

responding to a user request to order program material by selecting one of a plurality of Assignable Computing Devices, said selected Assignable Computing Device being used to generate a menu listing available program material;

presenting the user with a broadcast channel;

presenting the user with said menu over a Room Communication Subsystem;

receiving a ~~program~~ selection of program material from the user over the Room Communication Subsystem;

responding to said selection of program material by selecting one of a plurality of audiovisual serving devices to present the program material; and

creating a set of user data, said set of user data listing stated user preferences, and

presenting the program material to the user over the Room Communication Subsystem~~; and,~~

~~creating a set of user data, said set of user data listing stated user preferences.~~

wherein said menu listing available program material is generated for display in a web browser and may be customized based on said user preferences.

15.   (Original)   A method in accordance with claim 14 wherein said broadcast channel is modified to reflect said set of user preferences.

18.   (Currently amended)   A method for presenting program material from a plurality of program sources to users using a host computing device and allocating tasks among a plurality of audiovisual serving devices, said method comprising:

responding to a user request to order program material by selecting one of a plurality of Assignable Computing Devices, said selected Assignable Computing Device being used to generate a menu listing available program material, said menu generated for display by a web browser;

presenting the user with said menu over a Room Communication Subsystem;

receiving a ~~program~~ selection of program material from the user over the Room Communication Subsystem;

responding to said selection of program material by selecting one of a plurality of audiovisual serving devices to present the program material;

presenting the program material to the user over the Room Communication Subsystem; and

polling the audiovisual serving device for status after a first defined interval of time.

19.   (Original)   A method in accordance with claim 18 wherein the audiovisual serving device is restarted in response to instructions from the host after a second defined interval of time.

26. (Currently amended) An apparatus for presenting program material from a plurality of program sources to users using a host computing device and a plurality of audiovisual serving devices, comprising:

a programming subsystem, said programming subsystem including a plurality of audiovisual serving devices;

a Room Communication Subsystem, said Room Communication Subsystem connecting a plurality of user terminals to the system;

a Site Management Subsystem; and

a plurality of Assignable Computing Device audiovisual serving devices;

wherein said audiovisual serving devices communicate with the user terminals over said Room Communication Subsystem, said Site Management Subsystem can assign at least one Assignable Computing Device to communicate with a user terminal in response to an initial communication from a user terminal; a set of user data is stored, said user data listing stated user preferences, and further wherein a menu responsive to a list of currently available program material may be generated by said assigned Assignable Computing Device, said menu including at least HTML code.

27. (Original) An apparatus in accordance with claim 26 wherein said menu is responsive to said set of user data.

29. (Currently amended) An apparatus for presenting program material from a plurality of program sources to users using a host computing device and a plurality of audiovisual serving devices, comprising:

a programming subsystem, said programming subsystem including a plurality of audiovisual serving devices;

a Room Communication Subsystem, said Room Communication Subsystem connecting a plurality of user terminals to the system;

a Site Management Subsystem;

a plurality of Assignable Computing Device audiovisual serving devices; and

a broadcast channel;

wherein said audiovisual serving devices communicate with the user terminals over said Room Communication Subsystem, said Site Management Subsystem can assign at least one Assignable Computing Device to communicate with a user terminal in response to an initial communication from a user terminal, a menu is generated using said assigned Assignable Computing Device, said menu including at least HTML code, and a set of user data is stored, said user data listing stated user preferences.

30.   (Original)   An apparatus in accordance with claim 29 wherein said broadcast channel is responsive to said set of user data.

36.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the menu generated is automatically customized based on information related to the user.

37.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the menu generated is customized upon the request of the user.

38.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the menu generated is automatically customized based on information related to the user.

39.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the menu generated is customized upon the request of the user.

40.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the menu generated is automatically customized based on information related to the user.

41.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the menu generated is customized upon the request of the user.

42.   (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the menu generated is automatically customized based on information related to the user.

43.   (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the menu generated is customized upon the request of the user.

44.   (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 29, wherein the menu generated is automatically customized based on information related to the user.

45.   (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 29, wherein the menu generated is customized upon the request of the user.